Indians visited abroad as tourists

† 3234. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Indian citizens have visited abroad as tourists during the past years;

(b) if so, what was the number of such citizens **in** the year 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively; and

(c) what was the amount of foreign exchange spent by each of those tourists on foreign tour during the said years?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Total number of Indian Nationals departed from India for visiting other countries during the years 1997, 1998 and 1999 is as follows:

Year	Number of Indian Nationals going abroad (In Million)
2	3.73
3	3.81
1999	3.88

(c) Information regarding amount of foreign exchange spent by such tourists on foreign tour is not maintained.

Pending projects for Kanyakumari

3235. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects sanctioned by Government for Kanyakumari during the last three years;

(b) the number of projects completed and the number of projects uncompleted in Kanyakumari; and

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.